

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4945
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2000
BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV; RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the matter of transfer of head works of Ropar, Harike and Ferozepur and discussed in the inter-state meetings held on 29-30 July, 1992 and August 6, 1992 amongst Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Water Resources;
- (b) if so, the points discussed in the meetings;
- (c) whether the Government of Rajasthan sent their comments on the draft decision of the aforesaid meetings, stating that the transfer of control of head Works to BBMB is specifically provided in the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966 and any change in the same is not warranted at this state;
- (d) if so, the action has been taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Chief Minister of Rajasthan has requested the Union Minister of Water Resources vide his letter dated June 30, 1994 to convene another inter-state meeting of Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan to resolve the issue; and
- (f) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government thereon ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The matter of transfer of control of head works at Ropar, Harike and Ferozepur to the Bhakra Beas Management Board in accordance with relevant provision of Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966 was one of the several water related issues discussed during the inter-state meetings held on 29-30 July, 1992 and August 6, 1992 by the then Union Minister of Water Resources with the then Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. Efforts were made during the meeting to clinch the matter of transfer of headworks by rotational posting of Member (Irrigation) of the Bhakra Beas Management Board from amongst the officers of the signatory States.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A draft agreement has been formulated for consideration during further inter-state meetings of the party States.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) To convene inter-State meetings of the party States and to endeavour to arrive at a negotiated settlement on water related issues.